



Congressman Ed Pastor's Washington Update

An electronic newsletter with updates for Arizona's 7th Congressional District

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NOTES OF INTEREST

- **The Glendale Fire Department awarded grant to hire firefighters.** The Department of Homeland Security awarded \$1.9 million to Glendale Fire to hire firefighters.
- **National Do Not Call Registry.** Register your phone number at www.donotcall.gov, to reduce the number of unwanted telemarketing sales calls you get.
- **Social Security field office service changes.** To prevent fraud, Social Security beneficiaries can only obtain a benefit verification letter online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount or through the mail by phoning 1-800-772-1213.

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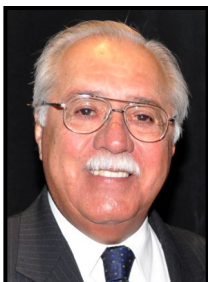
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Deadline looming for affordable health care Last chance to enroll for 2014 coverage is March 31

I have long supported access to affordable health care for all Americans, which is why I was pleased to learn that more than four million people have signed up for the Affordable Care Act marketplaces. The cutoff date to enroll for 2014 is March 31, and I urge Arizonans to look into the plans, ask questions and learn more about them.



U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor

Enroll by phone at 1-800-318-2596

While I understand that the process might be time-consuming and complex, there are many resources available to constituents to help them navigate the process.

Face-to-face assistance

Arizona has many people trained and certified to help the uninsured understand their health coverage options and enroll. They include navigators, application assistants, certified application counselors

and government agencies such as the State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offices.

For in-person assistance, visit www.LocalHelp.HealthCare.gov and enter your zip code to find help near you.

Several organizations where individuals may seek help in person are below:

Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers

700 E. Jefferson St., Suite 100,
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602-253-0090

Greater Phoenix Urban League
1402 S. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85007
800-367-8939

Wesley Community Center, Inc.
1300 S. 10th St., Phoenix, AZ 85034
602-257-4323

Spanish and other languages

A Spanish version of the health care marketplace website is available at www.CuidadoDeSalud.gov. Assistance is available in more than 100 languages by calling 1-800-318-2596.

Rep. Ed Pastor will retire after 23 years in Congress



Phoenix interns meet Rep. Pastor

Rep. Pastor recently met with the spring semester interns in his Phoenix Office to discuss his work in Congress and the district. Anisa Abdul-Quadir, Dorian Sanchez and Mayra Gutierrez are the last group of students who will hold internships in his office before Pastor retires.

On Feb. 27, Rep. Ed Pastor, the first Hispanic from Arizona elected to Congress and the senior member of our state's delegation, announced that he will retire at the end of this term, when he will complete 23 years in Congress. Before going to Congress, he was a Maricopa County Supervisor from 1976 to 1991.

"I've been in public office for 39 years and it's been a pleasure to serve the people of Arizona," Pastor said. "After 23 in Congress, I feel it's time for me to seek out a new endeavor. It's been a great honor, a great experience and a great joy for me to serve in Congress. I think it's time for me to do something else."

Pastor's offices will continue to offer regular congressional services through the end of the year. A new representative will be elected in the fall.